

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, sunshine is the ultimate disinfectant in the political process, helping to create a more open and accountable government and a well-informed public which are vital to our democratic society; and

WHEREAS, conducting government business openly enables South Carolinians to be knowledgeable about the formulation of public policy as well as the people involved in the process; and

WHEREAS, enacted in 1978, the Freedom of Information Act restricts privacy in all levels of government and ensures that the residents of the Palmetto State have timely access to the activities of their public officials with minimum expense.

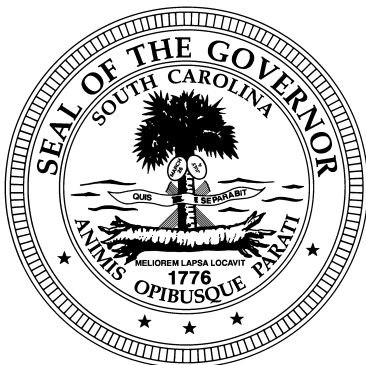
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 11 - 17, 2007, as

OPEN GOVERNMENT WEEK

and March 11, 2007, as

SUNSHINE SUNDAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the important role of open government to the democratic process.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA